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SUBJ: CONSULATE RESIDENCES COVERED WITH GRAFFITI

1. EARLY IN THE MORNING OF APRIL 5, THE FRONT
AND SIDE WALLS OF THE HOUSES OF THE CONSUL AND VICE
CONSUL WERE COVERED WITH FLA SLOGANS SUCH
AS "USA PLUS FLA EQUALS FRIENDSHIP", "USA WITHOUT
FLA GET OUT", "HELP OR DEATH", "FIRST WARNING",
"WE DON'T WANT THE CONSUL, SHE DOES NOT LIKE AZOREANS".
THE EXTENSIVE AND COLORFUL GRAFFITI HAS DRAWN CONSIDERABLE
ATTENTION FROM PASSERBYS.

- 2. AT OUR REQUEST THE LOCAL POLICE CHIEF HAS STATIONED A POLICEMAN OUTSIDE THE HOUSES AT NIGHT AT LEAST UNTIL APRIL 25.
- 3. THE GRAFFITTI APPEARS TO BE WORK OF THE EXTREME FACTION OF FLA WHICH IS UNHAPPY AT THE USG FOR NOT SUPPORTING IT, BUT SOME HERE OPINE THAT THE FAR LEFT, TRYING TO CREATE CONFUSION, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAINTING. WE DO NOT BELIEVE INCIDENT INDICATES ANY THREAT TO THE PERSONAL SAFETY OF CONSULATE PERSONNEL.

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4. UNDERSTAND WHEN EMBASSY PAINTED AND DAMAGED BY DEMONSTRATORS,

FOREIGN MINISTRY PAID FOR REPAIR. WE ARE UNSURE WHO SHOULD PAY FOR REPAINTING THE TWO HOUSES. LOCAL AUTHORITIES MAY BE WILLING BUT WE HAVE NOT EXPLORED THIS WITH THEM. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON USG POLICY IN THESE MATTERS. PFEIFLE

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